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THE LATE SALES.

The collection of Mr. Lewis White, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., was sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs, Merwin & Co., on April 17th and 18th. Catalogue, 813 lots, by Mr. Cogan. Following are the principal pieces, with prices:

1794 Dollar; unusually good impression; stars a little rubbed; reverse barely circulated; much better than usually offered,	\$49 00
Another 1794 Dollar; head and stars a little more rubbed; not in such good condition as preceding,	38 00
1795 Dollar; but little circulated,	5 00
1796 " barely fair,	5 00
1798 " small eagle; 15 stars; fair,	5 00
1851 " brilliant proof,	26 00
1852 " one of the first impressions not struck as proof; somewhat circulated,	26 00
1854 Dollar; good, but nicked,	5 00
1855 " much better impression,	5 00
1796 Half-dollar; head and stars rubbed; fair,	16 00
1797 " about as good as preceding,	11 00
1823 Quarter-dollar; poor,	13 50
1827 " a very fine impression, still retaining some of its former proof polish,	67 50
1800 Dime; unusually fine impression,	5 25
1804 " very nearly as fine as preceding,	10 50
1794 Half-dime; almost uncirculated,	5 00
1805 " barely circulated,	6 25
Set of 14 of Thomson's Medals; white metal; interesting and instructive; each dedicated to the progress of some science; all with explanations; all fine; size 46; for each,	1 00
Washington Silver Medal; rev., the Crystal Palace, New York, 1853; fine; size 36,	6 00
Silver Medal of Wm. Washington; Cowpen's Medal; fine; size 30,	5 50
1842 U. S. N. Washington Temperance Society; silver medal, fine; size 24,	7 00
1793 Cent; wreath; stars and stripes on edge; hair of the head of Liberty somewhat rubbed; otherwise very fine; reverse very perfect,	11 25
1793 Cent; chain; head rubbed; reverse fair; edge slightly battered,	5 25
1799 Cent; head a little rubbed, but date excellent; guaranteed original,	22 00
1804 Cent; original; head rubbed, but date and "Liberty" excellent; cracked die; better than usually offered,	8 50

A beautiful uncirculated Martha Washington Half Disme: 1792,	\$19 00
1836 Flying Eagle Dollar; "Gobrecht" on the base of the figure of Liberty; proof,	8 00
1838 brilliant proof dollar; rev., flying eagle,	33 00
1838 brilliant proof half-dollar; Gobrecht's head of Liberty; rev., flying eagle; cracked die,	5 25
Another, of same obverse; rev., an eagle with expanded wings,	6 25
1839 fine proof dollar; rev., flying eagle,	29 00
1653 Commonwealth Crown; fine,	9 00
Silver Medal of George III; 1814; rev., arms; fine; size 48,	5 00
Silver Medal of Franklin Pierce: 1855; Presidential; head a little bruised; fine, but pierced; size 48,	9 00
Silver Medal of Washington Alston; Wright's Art Union Medal, 1847; fine; size 40,	8 00
Silver Medal "To Maj. Robert Anderson, U. S. A.," &c.; obverse, representation of the taking of Fort Sumter; fine; size 44,	22 00
A beautiful silver medal struck on the Peace of Westphalia (1648); size 36,	20 00
Interesting silver medalet of Nuremberg to Ferdinand III; 1650; square; fine; size 14,	5 00
Silver Medal to Charles III, from the Royal Academy of Spanish and Public Law; 1778; fine; size 36,	10 00
<i>The following five are Spanish American Silver Medals, with Spanish inscriptions:</i>	
Todo Renace; 1808; fine; size 32,	15 00
Head of Ferdinand XII to left; Buenos Ayres Proclamation Medal; almost proof; size 28,	6 00
Beautiful Proclamation Medal of Ferdinand VII in City of Gamora on 25 Nov., 1808; size 26,	6 50
Augustin, the first Constitutional Emperor; 1822; very good; size 25,	6 50
Proclamation Medal to the City of Mexico; very fine; size 25,	6 50
St. Louis Potosi Medal, in memory of the heroes of the country; 1823; silver; fine; size 19,	5 00
Silver Medal on laying the corner stone of a market in the City of Mexico; fine; size 24,	7 25
Silver Medal to Louis Charles and Maria Theresa; very fine; size 20,	10 50
1652 Pine Tree Shilling; good,	6 50
1694 Carolina Elephant; guaranteed original; fine,	20 50
1723 Rosa Americana Penny; crown; very fine,	7 00

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Part II of Mr. Haseltine's series came off on April 24. 585 lots. Following are the principal pieces, with prices:

A complete set of 8 Sutler's tickets of J. M. Kerr, Simmond's Battery; 5, 10, 25 and 50 cts. in copper and brass; uncirculated; for each, \$ 50
Beautiful silver electrotype of the celebrated Oxford Crown; Charles I; 1644; genuine worth \$2.50; but few known, 5 25
Commonwealth Crown; 1652; mint mark; sun; fine, 9 25
Charles II Crown; 1662; rose under head; very fine, 4 25
Anna Crown; 1707; "E" under head; fine, . . 3 62
Anna Crown; 1713; rev., roses and plumes in angles; very fine, 3 75
George II Crown; 1743; extremely fine, . . . 4 25
George III Crown; 1820; beautiful proof, . . 3 50
Victoria Gothic Crown; 1847; plain edge; beautiful proof, 11 00
James VI Sword Dollar; 1567; very good, . . 4 75
1804 Dime; poor, 3 50
1805 Half Dime; very good for date; seldom found better, 3 50
1652 Pine Tree Shilling; 8 branches on either side; roots crossed under tree; large planchet; uncirculated, 11 87
Another; 7 branches on either side; trunk of tree split; large planchet; very good, 5 50
Another; 5 and 6 branches to tree; small planchet; uncirculated, 10 37
Pine Tree Three-pence; fine, 3 62
1662 Oak Tree Two-pence; uncirculated, . . . 5 87
1694 Carolina Elephant; fair, 10 25
1722 Rosa Americana Half-penny; rose; uncirculated, 3 87
1723 Rosa Americana Penny; crowned rose; fine, 3 50
1776 Continental Currency (one R.) Dollar; tin; original; very good, 5 10
1776 Continental Currency (two R. R.) Dollar; tin; original; very fair, 4 50
1787 Immunis Columbia; very fine, 6 25
Mark Newby; St. Patrick's Half-penny; silver; fine, 4 87
1796 Castorland Half-dollar; silver; uncirculated, 4 12
Japan; 4 Bous; a bar of silver 2½ inches long, nearly an inch wide; fine, 5 50
Montevideo Dollar; Uruguay; 1844; fine, . . . 5 25

The following four are U. S. large brilliant proof sets, of ten pieces each:

1868, \$ 4 50
1870, 4 25
1872, 4 50
1873; old type, 7 75

A sale of 1940 lots of coins and medals, by Messrs. Bangs, Merwin & Co., took place on the 2d, 3d and 4th of May. We will describe the principal pieces as advertised in the catalogue, although they were somewhat overrated therein:

1793 Cent; wreath; "One Hundred for a Dollar" on edge; fair, 3 50
1799 Cent; date very good, 4 50
1652 Pine Tree Shilling; large planchet; good, . 4 50
1796 Silver Franco American; good, 2 90
A set, in copper, of Lovett's residences of the Presidents, from John Adams to Lincoln, inclusive, excepting Van Buren; fine and very fine; size 22; for each, 50
Silver Medal to Martin Luther; "Eine fest burg ist unser Gott;" fine; 1817; size 24, 3 25
Another of same date; third Reformation jubilee; fine; size 26, 3 00
Medal of Charles III, of Spain; Indian Medal, with ring; silver gilded; good; size 34, . . . 2 50
Silver Medal of George III; young head; one of those given by the King to the Chiefs of his American Indian allies; obtained from an old squaw at Lake Huron; with ring; good; size 49, 13 50
Mexico; Vargas Dollar; 1812; fine, 2 62
2 Gold Coins of Honorius and Valentinianus III; both exceedingly fine; for each, 5 50
2 Tetradrachms of Alexander the Great; different types; both very good, \$3 00 and 3 12
1794 Half-dollar; good impression, but damaged; rev., very fine, 2 60
1823 Quarter-dollar; fair, 20 25
1870; proof set of nine pieces, containing three 50-cent, three 25-cent, and three 10-cent pieces, all different; standard silver patterns; struck as suggestions for circulation, being under the value of the ordinary silver; for set, . 6 00
Bronze Medal of Washington and Franklin; fine; size 26, 3 00
Indian Peace Medal; George II; bronze; fine; size 26, 2 75
Cyrus Field Medal; bronze; fine; size 64, . . . 4 75
Abolition of Slavery Medal; 1834; (Foreign); bronze; fine; size 32, 2 50
Bronze Medal of Waterloo; fine; size 88, . . . 3 75
String of Wampum (Indian Money); good, . . 3 50
Silver Medal of Washington; rev., Crystal Palace; fine; size 32, 2 62
Silver Medal of Washington; Ladies' Loyal League; size 15, 2 50
1793 Cent; chain; head rubbed; reverse better, 2 87
1793 " wreath; very sharp impression, and but little circulated, 6 00
1793 Cent; cap; lettered edge; barely fair, . . 4 12
1794 " but little circulated, 2 75
1804 " perfect die; very fair for date, . . . 7 25
1809 " very fine for date, 4 25
1652 Pine Tree Shilling; small planchet; very fair, 2 87
1791 Washington Cent; small eagle; uncirculated, 9 00
Very fine silver coin of Sapor II; Sassanidan legends; size 18, 4 00
Fine Tetradrachm of Phillip II; size 15, . . . 2 75
Tetradrachm of Alexander III; very fair; size 16, 2 87
1798 Dollar; small eagle; 13 stars; very good impression, 5 37
1855 Dollar; nearly uncirculated, 4 80
1866 Dollar; brilliant proof, 3 50
1809 Dime; but little circulated; some slight scratches on obverse, 5 37

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UNDERGROUND NUMISMATICS.

"Treasure Trove" is frequently seen in newspapers, heading some article relating to the finding, "while plowing," "while excavating," etc., of coins. The "inflationist" should find some consolation in such news, for underground capital, even coming in dribblets, helps to swell the nation's currency. The question often arises, how people could be so overburdened with gold and silver as to bury it, or to be careless enough to drop it around, where the accumulating earth could bury it. In these days of National Banks and paper currency it is hard to acquaint ourselves with the fact that prior to a few score years ago most people were their own bankers; their money in gold and silver, not portable in pocket-books. In times of war the practice of burying money for safety was general, and thus we occasionally find neglected treasure, which brings to the light of these days much that is interesting and instructive to the coin collector. As in England, the great quantities of silver pennies that are dug up, at times, in church-yards and other places serve to authenticate contemporaneous pennies that are preserved above ground, thus making their search by archaeologists deserving of all praise. But old coins are generally found accidentally, where archaeologists have little idea of their existence.

Roman coins are pretty well scattered, and found all over eastern, central and southern Europe and colonies of Asia and Africa. Grecian coins are more confined to their own locality and a few colonies. The British and American Archaeological Society in Rome seem to understand the importance of the numismatic treasures, in connection with the statues, ceramics, bronzes and other monuments of ancient art which have been the fruits of their late underground researches. Many unique medals have been found, and their historical connections thoroughly discussed at the Society's meetings. This Society is well supported, and Roman numismatics will have proper attention. In this country old Spanish silver coins are found frequently; Colonial copper and early United States coins are found from time to time. This latter class often contains well preserved specimens, which find their way, almost directly, to some collector's cabinet.

The passion for seeking buried treasure has ever been one of the moral traits of the human species. There are persons who take a lucrative interest in underground numismatics; some of these are born to find treasure; their dreams lead them to believe that there are riches underground for the digging, and with tape-line and spade they go forth to the goal of their destiny. But fruitless searches are the results of these dreams, and some other medium of communication is resorted to; the benigning influence of a branch of witch-hazel is tried, but after going through the usual ceremony, and digging a little here and there, they conclude that it is not a good day for witch-hazel, and so go back again disappointed. They are always hope-

ful however, and continued disappointments do not alleviate their desire to become suddenly rich.

That sagacious old pirate, Captain Kidd, has worried the American people for nearly 200 years by secreting his money bags, which, if ever found will bring to light his numerous lineal descendants, who will come forward for a share of their ancestor's ill-gotten wealth, evincing among themselves the hereditary rapaciousness, and employing the best legal talent to justify their claims.

NUMISMA.

The collection of Mr. Lepere, of St. Louis, as Part IV of Mr. Haseltine's Centennial Coin and Curiosity Sales, will be sold on the 17th and 18th inst. It comprises 1141 lots of coins and medals, mostly American.

The June number of the *Collector's News*, of North Adams, Mass., a little monthly of nearly our own size, comes to us in new form and dress. It is devoted to the interests of coin, stamp and curiosity collectors.

AUGUST CIRCULAR will appear on the 1st of the coming month.

The *Coin Collector's Journal* makes the following comments on Senator Sherman's Bill for revising the devices and inscriptions of the national coinage: "We are only sorry that its provisions are not so distinct as to admit of but one construction; and fear that, with the present administration at the Mint, the spirit of a bill aimed at the low standard of design and execution of our coins, may still be violated, even though the letter be executed. There is no doubt that splendid work can be performed at our mints, but the artists employed appear to concentrate their efforts and to display their talents on outside jobs, such as the getting up and striking of private medals, etc., while the work for which they are employed, and we believe paid, lies neglected or is disposed of with as little trouble as possible."

We in our turn have to speak of the insignificant effigy which adorns the one-cent pieces of to-day. The cent is very well designed, but if we are to have an Indian head, let it be of the pure type, fully expressing the bold features of the savage, and if the cent is too small to illustrate an expressive profile, let the coin be made a little larger, it will suit commercial convenience as well. The cent, above the other coins, should be a model of excellence in art and mechanism, for it has the largest circulation; its devices and inscriptions are subject to more criticism, and they should exemplify simplicity and good taste. If we are endeavoring to keep pace with Europe in arts and sciences, let us send abroad a coinage bearing evidence of our progress. If we were to produce a finer coin than France or England, no harm is done. That our whole coinage needs revision is apparent to every one of good taste.

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" 7	" 30	"	2 50
" 8	" 20	"	3 00

ROMAN COINS—FIRST BRONZE.

Claudius; A. D. 41-54; ob., very good, rev., fair,	\$3 00
Hadrian; A. D. 117-138; good,	50
Antoninus Pius; A. D. 138-161; Piety standing; good,	1 00
Marcus Aurelius; A. D. 161-180; very good,	75
Commodus; A. D. 180-192; good,	1 00
Septimus Severus; A. D. 193-211; good,	75
Alexander Severus; A. D. 222-235; good,	50
Gordianus Pius III; A. D. 238-244; good,	75
Philippus; A. D. 244-249; good,	75
Trebonianus Gallus; A. D. 252-254; good,	1 00

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